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BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT TESTIMONY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON ASSEMBLY BILL 488

SEPTEMBER 2, 1997

The Department of Natural Resources is appearing today in support of Assembly Bill 488.

The department supports AB 488 for two primary reasons. First, AB 488 clarifies that an applicant for a prospecting or mining permit is responsible for all regulatory review costs incurred by the department in relation to a given project from the time the Notice of Intent is submitted, until a final decision is rendered or until the applicant withdraws the project. Second, the bill would authorize the department to collect the permitting fee on an annual basis rather than at the end of the process. This enables the department to collect and use funds during the period in which they are most needed, the permit review period. The department believes that the fee structure which would be implemented under AB 488 would be an improvement over the existing structure and therefore supports the proposed legislation.

Vote Record

Assembly Committee on Environment

Date: Bill Number: 488	Executive Session Public Hearing Seconded by:		
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Rep. DuWayne Johnsrud			
Rep. Eugene Hahn			
Rep. Lorraine Seratti			
Rep. Neal Kedzie			
Rep. Peter Bock			
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